(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Self-Employed Women has in its report concluded that the incidence of illiteracy amongst women is far greater in rural areas than in the urban areas. The main reason for the high incidence of illiteracy is the poor enrolment of girls and even poorer retention after enrolment. The high drop out rate is in turn due to their contribution in helping their mothers in domestic work, looking after their younger brothers and sisters and contributing to the family economy as child labour, besides socio religious customs which do not permit girls to travel long distances from home.

(c) The Department of Education have already initiated action in the matter as stated below:—

(i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in large number;

(ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications;

(iii) Making arrangements for continuing education of such instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors;

(iv) Substantial women's participation under the Mass Programme of Functional Literacy;

(v) Sizeable participation of women adult learners in Vocational and Technical Education;

(vi) Induction of women on a large scale in literacy Mission Management;

(vii) Involvement of large number of voluntary agencies, especially, VAs working for women;

(viii) More attention by Shramik Vidyapeeths to women workers;

(ix) Special orientation and training of women instructors as effective agents of promoting women's equality and empowerment;

(x) Designing an Adult Education Programme for women which will be linked with imparting new skills, upgradation of their existing skills and new income generating activities;

(xi) Creation and provision of opportunities for retention of literacy skills and application of this learning for improving their living conditions;

(xii) Setting up of cells in the State Directorates of Adult Education and State Resource Centres to plan and administer women's programme and encouraging their participation in condensed courses.

Cargo Handled by Paradip Port

*280. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total metric tonnes of cargo handled by Paradip Port during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far during 1988-89, alongwith the value thereof;

(b) whether the short-fall in respect of Iron Ore exports have put the Port in bad shape;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to increase the Iron Ore export through this Port;

(d) whether it is a fact that Aluminium produced by National Aluminium Company Ltd. is being exported thrcugh Visakhapatnam Port instead of Paradip Port; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The total traffic handled at Paradip Port during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far during 1988-89 is as under:—

Year	Traffi handled (in lakh tonnes)
1985-86 ...	33.31
1986-87 ...	48.52
1987-88 ...	51.87
1988-89 ...	34.36
(April-October, 1988)	

The value of cargo handled is not available.

(b) and (c) The export of iron ore had gone up from 18.68 lakh tonnes during 1985-86 to 20.79 lakh tonnes during 1986-87 but it came down to 17.09 lakh tonnes during 1987-88. However, the short-fall in iron-ore exports was compensated by the increase in the handling of other cargo and to this extent, the adverse effect of the decline in iron ore was minimised.

Action has been initiated to undertake a study for deepening of the port to cater to the bigger drafted iron-ore vessels.

(d) and (e) Since National Aluminium Company Ltd. has its own port facilities at Visakhapatnam, its exports and imports are handled through these facilities.

Establishment International Airport at Bhubaneswar

2218. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhubaneswar has been identified as one of the locations for international Airports;

(b) if so, the total private land and Government land acquired for the establishment of the airport;

(c) the rate of compensation proposed to be paid to the affected persons;

(d) the details of the other areas proposed to be acquired; and

(e) by when the construction work is expected to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Construction of an overbridge on Jaipur-Keonjhar Road

2219. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to start the construction work of overbridge at Jaipur-Keonjhar Road on South-Eastern Railway;

(b) what is the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) what is the time-schedule for construction of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Construction of road-over-bridge in replacement of existing level crossing at Jajpur-Keonjhar Road has been sanctioned in Railways' Budget of 1987-88.

(b) Rs. 212.04 lakhs.

(c) The time schedule for the construction of the bridge will be drawn up jointly with the State Government after they convey acceptance to the estimate sent to them.